

the Chair? I have several lights. Senator Hefner, please.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I feel that we need to sustain the Chair in this decision because if we don't, well that means then that every bill that we introduce will have to have a section that produces revenue to take care of this bill, and I think this is wrong. I think that if we feel that a bill is necessary and we want it this way, well, then we should advance the bill and, as our rules say, these bills will set over there right before Final Reading and we'll see how our budget comes out. If there isn't enough money, well, naturally, we have to pick and choose and I feel this is the way it should be. But I don't think that we ought to tie the Highway Trust Fund, or the money raised from...for the Highway Trust Fund, into this bill. I think this is wrong and I think there is a right way to do things and a wrong way to do things and if we set this up to do it this way, I feel it will be the wrong way. Sales tax from vehicles should go into the Highway Trust Fund. We need that. We don't want the sales tax increase for vehicles to go to the General Fund. Highway costs go up every year too, just like expenses do to raise money for the General Fund. Highway costs go up. Bridge costs go up. Streets go up. And so we need this increase to go into the Highway Trust Fund. And so I would encourage you to sustain the Chair on his ruling this morning.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Does anyone else wish to speak on the overruling of the Chair? Senator Hall, please.

SENATOR HALL: Mr. President and members, Senator Johnson is right in saying that the Chair should be overruled at this point. Based on the fact that, in my opinion, LB 185 is a very, very bad bill in that it gives away at least \$6 million. What has happened and what Senator Johnson said, you will send over to General and I think he meant Final Reading, \$6 million shot in the heart. Senator Johnson, the bill probably should never have come out of Revenue Committee. But since it did, the only way to justify that is to come up with some way in which to pay for it and the way that we have presented to us right now as in the form of LB 470, is an amendment to this bill. Senator Hefner argues that highway costs are going up. I am not so sure that we don't have an opportunity here where we can cap the Highway Trust Fund. There was an article in the paper this weekend that dealt with the bonding issue of the resurfacing and the rebuilding of the interstate system and how that issue may come before the Legislature yet this year. That would ease the